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**SHIP REPAIR SPEEDED FOR SPRING;
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RIGA PORT OPEN FOR WINTER -- Sovetskaya Latvija, No 49, 1 Mar 49

Favorable weather conditions during the winter made it possible to continue using the port of Riga. During February, the following steamers visited the port: Marshal Govorov, Aleksandr Suvorov, Sevan, Zhan Zhores (Jean Jaures), and a number of others. Harbor workers were well prepared to receive the ships and all steamers were unloaded ahead of schedule. The Riga harbor workers fulfilled the February plan on 25 February.

AMUR RIVER WORKERS WIN HONORS -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 26, 2 Feb 49

The Administration of the Amur River Steamship Line has received a communication from Shashkov, Minister of the River fleet USSR, to the effect that a large group of Amur River workers have been awarded the title of "Best Worker of the Ministry of the River Fleet." Five captains of the steamship line are among those honored. Four persons, including Ustin Pavlovich Kuznetsov, initiator of the high-speed unloading of petroleum barges, were awarded the title of "Best Skipper."

RIVER SHIPS READIED FOR SPRING -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 20, 26 Jan 49

The Amur River Steamship Line is preparing for spring navigation. Crews of the steamships *Kommunist*, *Baku*, and *Novorossiysk* were among the first in the Amur basin to complete repairs on their ships. Seven ships in the steamship line are now ready for the new season. The Plant imeni Lenin completed final technical repairs on nine steamships and 12 barges ahead of schedule. The Surazhevskiy shop has been exceeding the schedule for repairs. Workers in the shops at the port of Mago, and at the Sofiysk, Troitskiy, and Marinsky ports, docks, and landings have been repairing ships and port facilities at an accelerated pace.

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PRIPYAT' RIVER PORTS PREPARE FOR NAVIGATION -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 43, 1 Mar 49

River port workers at the Pkhov landing completed repairs of motorless vessels 1½ months ahead of schedule. Repair work is being completed on launches, Diesel ships, and power-driven barges to prepare them for navigation.

The fleet at the Pkhov landing is being enlarged by two large passenger steamers. The steamer Arktika, built at the Chernobyl' Ship-Repair Plant, will navigate between Mozyr' and Kiev, and the new, well-equipped Diesel ship Chekhov will carry passengers twice daily between Mozyr' and Narovlya.

KOMSOMOL'SK PLANT TESTS ACETYLENE TORCH -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 15, 19 Jan 49

The Shipbuilding Plant in Komsomol'sk-on-Amur has been testing a new acetylene torch, the "strogacha." Among those who introduced the torch are Gerashinskiy and Ovchinnikov, engineers of the welding bureau, and Sidorov, instructor in welding. Gorbachev, engineer in the instrument shop, developed the design of the new torch, which facilitates planning guide grooves and electro-welding of butt seams. One acetylene torch operator with average skill can complete as much work per shift with the new plane as was formerly completed by seven workers. The instrument is being widely used in other branches of industry.

SHIP-REPAIR PLANT EFFECTS SAVING -- Krasnyy Flot, No 32, 9 Feb 49

Ship Repair Plant has adopted many suggestions to improve production and reduce production costs. A group of engineers worked out a method for preparing bimetallic bearings which is now being introduced into other enterprises. Sorokin, senior technologist, mechanized acetylene-torch cutting of metals, shortening the process by several times. Tikhonov, an electric welder, introduced ten improvements which enabled the plant to save 30,000 rubles during 1948. A total of 256,000 rubles were saved during 1948 as a result of the adoption of various suggestions.

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